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SUBJECT: KOREA IN 30TH UNGA: PANAMANIAN POSITION

REF: A)USUN 5353; B)SEOUL 7915 AND 8162; C)PANAMA 4920 AND

- 5156

1. REPORT THAT PANAMA WILL ABSTAIN ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION
(REF A) IS VERY DISAPPOINTING, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF
ENCOURAGING RECENT INDICATION THAT PANAMA WOULD PROBABLY
CO-SPONSOR OUR RESOLUTION (REF B). IN REVIEWING EARLIER
REPORTING (REF C), WE NOTE EMBASSY COMMENT THAT, ALTHOUGH
GOP DECISION NOT YET FIXED, IT MOST LIKELY WOULD NOT
SUPPORT HOSTILE RESOLUTION. IN ABSENCE OF FURTHER REPORTING
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AND PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF ROK EFFORTS (REF B), DEPARTMENT

WAS ENCOURAGED TO BELIEVE THAT GOP WOULD SUPPORT US POSITION ACROSS THE BOARD, AS THEY DID LAST YEAR.

2. GIVEN THIS BACKGROUND AND CONSIDERING SENSITIVITY OF REPORT (REF A) YOU SHOULD AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY (FIRST COMMITTEE VOTE IS EXPECTED OCTOBER 28/29) AND AT HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL INQUIRE AS TO STATUS OF GOP POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUE. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT USG ATTACHES UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO DEFEATING HOSTILE RESOLUTION WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECTS OUR MAJOR U.S. SECURITY INTERESTS IN NORTHEAST ASIA. WE NEED ONLY A FEW MORE VOTES TO DEFEAT

THAT RESOLUTION AND WE ARE COUNTING ON OUR FRIENDS TO SUPPORT US. YOU MAY NOTE THAT WE ANTICIPATED PANAMA WOULD SUPPORT US, INCLUDING ITS OPPOSITION TO THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THAT UNDERSTANDING CONFIRMED AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL VOTE.

3. THE APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL MEANS TO GET THIS MESSAGE ACROSS TO TORRIJOS (AS SUGGESTED REF A) IS AT YOUR DISCRETION BUT THERE SHOULD BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING BY GOP AS TO HOW IMPORTANT WE VIEW THIS ISSUE AND THAT IT COULD INVOLVE OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS. KISSINGER

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